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OPENED BY ARMY EXAMINER

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To Mr. & Mrs. Sam Bank
3018-5th Street,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, U. S. A.

From
Sgt. Harold L. Bank, 20416637
(Sender's name)
Co M 167th Inf., APO 31,
APM, San Francisco, Calif.
(Sender's address)

2 June 44
(Date)

Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, I got back from the problem all right, and am none the worse for it. It was an easy problem, and I didn't get tired a bit. Wish all of them were like that. Right? It is not so hot here today, and sure am glad. Have been working on some Morse Code tonight, and am getting pretty good at sending it. We send it by lamps, and this is pretty hard tolearn.

I didn't get a letter from you today, but guess I will get two tomorrow. That is the way it usually works. We didn't do anything but loaf around today, resting up from the problem yesterday, and getting our equipment clean. And that is a job, especially the mud and water on our clothes. We waded in creeks and mud holes up to our shoulders. The pictures you seein magazines and shows that show the boys over here walking in mud and water is not a farce, as I used to think it, but it is the real thing, and I mean it is rough, walking for days, and sleeping on built up beds from logs and leaves. Right?

Did you ever get the box of souvenirs that I sent you from the battlefield? Be sure and keep them, as I wouldn't take a million dollars for it. Understand?

Today I sent you a minature airplane made from bullets. I treasure it, because they are hand made by the Australians, and cannot be gotten easy. There is not enough money in Alabama to buy that plane from you, understand? I won't sell it for anything. So keep it and someday I will tell you the story about that plane and it's parts. Right? If you thinr you can sell one for $100.00, let me know and I will get another one, or similar to that one, and send to you, if I can. I don't know if I can, or not. You can see it is all brass. Some of them are silver. Let me know, and I will try. If you can sell any of the letter openers like I sent you, let me know. They are brass also. You will have to get $15.00 for them. If you think that you can sell them for that, let me know, and I will try and get a lot of them and send them to you. You see they are hard to get, because they are very expensive.

I got the letter from Manuel and already answered it. Please send me a radio immediately. We have electricity, and a repair man. Please send it right away. You might have to take it apart and send it in separate boxes, I don't know. Yes, we have a Jewish Base Chaplain. I haven't received any of the boxes yet, but expect them anyday. I saw Song of Russia, and it is a very good show. I saw it in Virginia. I read about the Japs allowing food to go to the prisoners, and sure am happy to learn this. I know they will need and be glad to receive it. I was going to communication school, but that is over now, and I enjoyed it. I left my washing trunks with the stuff that I sent home from Pickett. They are grey. What is Chink Raymon's wife's name? Huh? Don't get disgusted, and sell the store. Keep it! Take a vacation and go to Hot Springs, if you want to, and get a rest, but open the store and keep it open. You can rest after the war. The boys here fighting don't rest, do they? I will write Bubber Brown tonight. Idon't need fans! Write soon, and be good.

Love,
Harold

V-MAIL